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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

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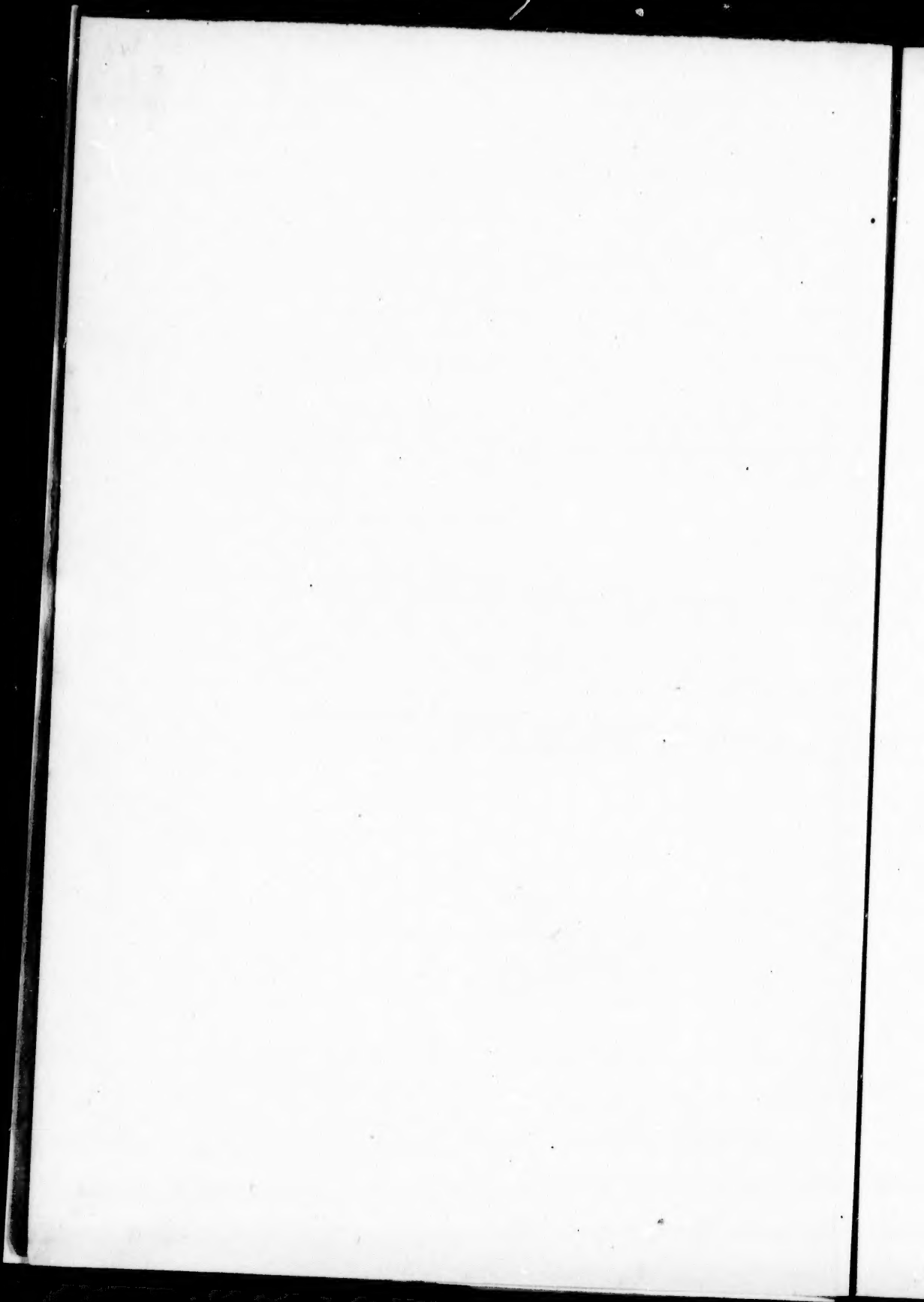
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
OF THE
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

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**HELD AT ODD FELLOWS HALL, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA,**  
**APRIL 25TH, 27TH, 28TH, AND MAY 15TH, 1874.**  
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
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ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
25th April, 1874.

Special Deputy Grand Sire Noltner opened the Grand Lodge at 8 o'clock this evening.

Present: P. G.'s Drummond, Roberts, Phillips, Sehl, Weiler and J. P. Davies.

P. G.'s Drummond, Weiler and Roberts were appointed a committee on credentials.

P. G. Drummond was appointed W. G. Marshall; P. G. J. P. Davies acted as R. W. G. Secretary.

The G. Marshall was instructed to introduce all those brothers who were in possession of the proper credentials and qualified to receive the G. L. Degree.

The following Past Grands were then introduced by the W. Grand Marshall and received the G. L. degree, viz.:

CHARLES GOWEN,	of No. 1.
JOSHUA DAVIES,	do.
THOMAS R. MITCHELL,	do.
CHARLES HAYWARD,	do.
JAMES D. ROBINSON,	do.
JOSEPH YORK,	do.
WM. H. HUXTABLE,	do.
SAM'L THOS. STYLES.	do.
CHARLES MORTON,	do.

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LOUIS VIGELIUS,.....of No. 2.
 JAMES FELL, do.
 EDW'D B. MARVIN, do.
 WM. HARRISON, do.
 WM. J. JEFFREE, do.
 JOHN H. MELDRAM, do.
 JOHN T. SCOTT,.....of No. 3.
 HENRY V. EDMONDS, do.
 HARRY ELLIOTT, do.
 ALEX. EWEN, do.
 THOS. SHOTBOLT,.....of No. 4.

Special Deputy Grand Sire then appointed the following Grand Officers for the purpose of instituting the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, viz.:

R. W. D. G. M. J. T. SCOTT,.....of No. 3.
 R. W. G. W. C. GOWEN,.....of No. 1.
 R. W. G. Sec. C. HAYWARD, do.
 R. W. G. Treas. A. PHILLIPS, do.
 W. G. H. J. WEILER, do.
 W. G. C. H. V. EDMONDS,.....of No. 3.

The petitioners representing Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, viz.:

P. G. THOS. R. MITCHELL,	{	Reps. of No. 1.
do. JAS. S. DRUMMOND,		
P. G. J. P. DAVIES,	{	Reps. of No. 2.
do. W. J. JEFFREE,		
P. G. J. T. SCOTT,	{	Reps. of No. 3.
do. H. ELLIOTT,		
P. G. THOS. SHOTBOLT, Rep. of No. 4.		

were then presented to the S. D. G. Sire, and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia instituted and proclaimed a duly constituted Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, moved the following:

RESOLVED, That all Past Grands in this Province be entitled to vote for Grand Officers in this Grand Lodge.

Seconded by Rep. J. P. Davies of No. 2, and carried.

Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, moved that we proceed at once to the election of Grand Officers. Carried.

The S. D. G. Sire then requested the Representatives to

The G. M. also appointed P. G. W. J. Jeffree, of No. 2, Grand Chaplain.

R. W. D. G. M. Edmonds, of No. 3, presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge shall be constituted of all the Past Grands in good standing in this jurisdiction for this the first communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Carried unanimously.

Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California be adopted *pro tem.* for the guidance of this R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, with the exception as to parts wherein the sentence of "R. W. Grand Lodge of California" occurs, when it shall read, "R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia," and where otherwise altered during the present session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Carried unanimously.

Rep. Edmonds, of No. 3, presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as at present existing, be confirmed in all respects with the following amendments: that where the words "State of California," or the word "California" is mentioned or referred to, the same shall read or apply to the Province of British Columbia, or British Columbia respectively, except where the word "California" appears at the end of Section 8, Article VII, where it shall read "United States."

The above resolution was referred to Committee on State of the Order, who recommended its adoption. Adopted accordingly.

The M. W. G. M. then appointed the following Committees, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

P. G. Roberts, of No. 1. P. G. Huxtable, of No. 1.
P. G. Meldram, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

P. G. Sehl, of No. 1. P. G. Fawcett, of No. 2.
" Ewen, of No. 3. " Armstrong, of No. 3.
P. G. Scott, of No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

P. G. Jeffree, of No. 2. P. G. Anderson, of No. 1.
P. G. Shotholt, of No. 4.

P. G. Fell, of No. 2.
" Mitchell, of No. 1.

P. G. Armstrong, of No. 3.
" Phillips, of No. 1.

P. G. York, of No. 1.

P. G. Joshua Davies, of No 1.
 " Elliott, of No. 3.

P. G. Gowen, of No. 1.
 " Shotbolt, of No. 4.
 P. G. Mitchell, of No. 1.

P. G. Hayward, of No. 1.	P. G. Jeffree, of No. 2.
" York, of No. 1.	" Ewen, of No. 3.
P. G. Harris, of No. 4.	

P. G. Gowen, of No. 1.
 " Armstrong, of No. 3.

P. G. Shotbolt, of No. 4.
 " Hayward, of No. 1.

P. G. Styles, of No. 1.

P. G. Mitchell, of No. 1.	P. G. Hayward, of No. 1.
" Gowen, of No. 1.	" Harrison, of No. 2.
P. G. Sehl, of No. 1.	

On motion, the G. L. then took a recess until to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Master took the chair at 8 o'clock p. m., and the Grand Lodge was duly opened.

P. G Rowland W. Fawcett, of No. 2, presented his credentials, which were referred to Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported the certificate of P. G. Fawcett correct, and the G. Marshall was instructed to introduce the Brother, who duly received the G. L. degree.

Rep. Davies, of No. 2, presented the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on State of the Order:

RESOLVED, That a quorum shall, *pro tem.*, consist of eight Past Grands, besides the G. M. or his Deputy.

make their nominations for Grand Officers, which were as follows:

For G. M., Richard Roberts, of No. 1.	
J. S. Drummond, " 1.	
For D. G. M., C. Hayward, " 1.	
H. V. Edmonds, " 3.	
For G. W., Joshua Davies, " 1.	
John Weiler, " 1.	
For G. Sec., J. D. Robinson, " 1.	
C. Hayward, " 1.	
For G. T., E. B. Marvin, " 2.	
W. J. Jeffree, " 2.	

The S. D. G. Sire then appointed P. G. J. P. Davies of No. 2, and P. G. J. T. Scott of No. 3, tellers, and ordered the ballot to be spread; the result was as follows:

For G. M., 26 votes cast:

For P. G. Roberts,	10 votes.
" Drummond,	15 "
Blank,	1 "

P. G. Drummond having received a majority of all votes cast, was then declared duly elected Grand Master.

For D. G. M., 24 votes cast:

For P. G. Edmonds,	13 votes.
" Hayward,	10 "
Blank,	1 "

P. G. Edmonds having received a majority of all votes cast, was then declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master.

For G. W., 25 votes cast:

For P. G. Joshua Davies,	10 votes.
" J. Weiler,	14 "
Blank,	1 "

P. G. Weiler having received a majority of all votes cast, was then declared duly elected Grand Warden.

For G. Secretary, 24 votes cast:

For P. G. Robinson,	13 votes.
" Hayward,	9 "
Blanks,	2 "

P. G. Robinson having received a majority of all votes cast, was then declared duly elected Grand Secretary.

For G. T., 26 votes cast:

For P. G. Marvin,	13 votes.
“ Jeffree,	11 “
Blanks,	2 “

There being no majority, a second ballot was ordered to be spread, which resulted as follows:

For P. G. Marvin,	14 votes.
“ Jeffree,	11 “
Blank,	1 “

P. G. Marvin having received a majority of all votes cast, was then declared duly elected Grand Treasurer.

It was then moved, seconded and carried, that the Grand Lodge take a recess until 5 o'clock P. M. on Monday, the 27th instant.

MONDAY, 27th April, 1874.

The G. L. was duly opened at 5 o'clock P. M., Special Deputy Grand Sire Noltner in the Chair.

Previous to installation of officers, P. G. Hayward, of No. 1, offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the election of Grand Officers which took place on Saturday, be declared by this Grand Lodge as unanimous.

Seconded by P. G. Roberts, and carried unanimously.

The following P. G.'s were then installed into their respective chairs for and during the current term, viz.:

P. G. J. S. Drummond, of No. 1.....	Grand Master.
“ H. V. Edmonds, of No. 3.....	Deputy Grand Master.
“ J. Weiler, of No. 1.....	Grand Warden.
“ J. D. Robinson, of No. 1.....	Grand Secretary.
“ E. B. Marvin, of No. 2.....	Grand Treasurer.

The G. M. then appointed the following officers:

P. G. C. Gowen, of No. 1.....	Grand Marshall.
“ J. York, of No. 1.....	Grand Guardian.
“ C. Hayward, of No. 1.....	Grand Conductor.
“ J. H. Meldram, of No. 2.....	Grand Herald.

who were duly installed into their respective chairs.

Rep. Edmonds, of No. 3, presented the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Finance:

RESOLVED, That no mileage or pay per diem be allowed the Representatives of the First Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a Special Committee be appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for this R. W. Grand Lodge, and to report at their earliest convenience.

Seconded by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Rep. Hayward, of No. 1.
" Gowen, of No. 1.

Rep. J. P. Davies, of No. 2.
" Sehl, of No. 1.

Rep. Roberts, of No. 1.

Rep. Weiler, of No. 1, presented the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on State of the Order:

RESOLVED, That this jurisdiction be divided for the present into three Districts:—No. 1 District shall consist of Victoria City and all the country within a radius of 30 miles, taking Victoria as the centre. No. 2 District shall be composed of the Mainland. No. 3 District shall be composed of all the country outside of District No. 1, within the Island of Vancouver, in which is situated Nanaimo.

The Committee on Finance reported on the resolution of Rep. Edmonds (page 9) recommending the adoption of the same. On motion, adopted accordingly.

Rep. J. P. Davies, of No. 2, presented the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on State of the Order:

RESOLVED, That a Special Committee be appointed to obtain a suitable Seal, and duplicate for printer's use.

The Committee on State of the Order reported on the resolution of Rep. Davies regarding quorum (page 8), recommending its adoption. On motion, adopted accordingly.

The same Committee also reported favorably on the resolution offered by Rep. Weiler (page 9). On motion, adopted.

The Committee on State of the Order reported on the resolution of Rep. Davies (page 9), regarding Seal, recommending that a committee be appointed with power to design and order the same. On motion, report adopted.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Rep. J. P. Davies, of No. 2.

Rep. Gowen, of No. 1.

Rep. Hayward, of No. 1.

Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, presented the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Finance:

RESOLVED, That this Grand Lodge levy an assessment on its subordinates at the following rates, viz.: Sixty-five cents per capita, payable on the 30th June, and Twenty-five cents per capita payable on 31st December.

Rep. J. P. Davies, of No. 2, presented the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Finance:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Secretary be empowered to procure the necessary stationery and books required for this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Finance reported on resolution of Rep. Hayward (page 10), regarding assessment, recommending its adoption. On motion, adopted.

The bill of expenses of Special Deputy Grand Sire Noltner read, amounting to \$64, which includes cost of 8 degree-books for Subordinates now held as stock. Referred to Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported on resolution of Rep. Davies (page 10) regarding stationary, etc., recommending that the necessary power be granted. On motion, adopted.

The same Committee reported on the bill of expenses of S. D. G. Sire, and recommended that an order be drawn on the R. W. Grand Treasurer for the amount. On motion, report adopted.

Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, presented the following resolution which was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

RESOLVED, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to forward to each subordinate in this jurisdiction, written charters, until arrangements can be made for proper forms.

The Committee on State of the Order reported on resolution of Rep. Gowen (page 10) recommending that authority be granted the R. W. Grand Secretary to forward written charters. On motion report adopted.

Rep. Harris, of No. 4., presented the following resolution which was referred to Committee on Petitions:

RESOLVED, That this R. W. Grand Body petition the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the return of the Charter fee paid by Nanaimo Lodge, No 5, and that the same may be placed to the credit of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Petitions reported favorably on the resolution of Rep. Harris. (page 11). On motion, adopted.

Bills read from J. S. Drummond amounting to \$50 80 and from G. L. U. S. \$32 70, which were referred to Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was offered by Rep. J. P. Davies, of No. 2., viz: That a vote of thanks be tendered to S. D. G. Sire Noltner, for the efficient and courteous manner in which he discharged his official duties in Instituting and Installing the Officers of this Grand Lodge, and that the same be engrossed and the Seal of this R. W. Grand Lodge attached to the same. Seconded by Rep. Harris and carried unanimously.

The G. M. then appointed the following D. D. G. M.:

District No. 1., P. G. RICHARD ROBERTS, of No. 1.

District No. 2., P. G. H. ELLIOTT, of No. 3.

On motion this R. W. Grand Lodge then took recess until Friday, 15th May, next, at eight o'clock, p.m.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 15th, 1874.

The G. L. met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock p. m., this evening, M. W. G. R. in the Chair.

P. G. W. J. Armstrong, of No. 3, and P. G. G. W. Anderson, of No. 1, presented their credentials, which were referred to Committee on Credentials, who on examination, reported them correct.

The G. M. then introduced the Brothers, who duly received the G. L. degree.

Minutes of previous session were read and adopted.

The Special Committee appointed on Seal, reported that they had ordered the Seal, a rough design of which was handed in. On motion, design approved and action endorsed.

The Committee on Finance reported on bill \$50 80, (page 11) recommending it be paid. On motion of Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, the report was adopted.

The same Committee reported on bill from G. L. U. S. \$32 70, (page 11) that they had examined the same and found it correct. On motion, report adopted.

The Special Committee on Constitution reported as follows:

TO THE M. W. GRAND MASTER, R. W. GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Special Committee appointed to draft a Constitution for this R. W. Grand Body, respectfully report that they have completed their labors, and herewith enclose a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, for your consideration and adoption. As will be observed, we have adopted the Constitution, etc., of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, after making such verbal alterations as were necessary, and amendments to the following sections, viz.:

ARTICLE II. Section 1. Is made to read so as to leave the annual session of the Grand Lodge commence on the second Monday in February, in each year.

ARTICLE II. Section 3. Makes the basis of Representation to be all P. G.'s in the Province in good standing.

ARTICLE II. Section 6. Alters the quorum to that of eight Past Grands, in addition to the M. W. G. M. or his Deputy.

ARTICLE III. Section 3. Is altered to make the election for Grand Officers take place on the first day of the Session, and installation on the last day of the Session.

Trusting that the above may receive your favorable consideration. We have the honor to be,

Yours in F. L. and T.,

CHARLES HAYWARD,
R. ROBERTS,
CHAS. GOWEN,
J. P. DAVIES,
J. SEHL.

On motion report was adopted.

The Circular from Grand Secretary Pidgely, Historiographer, read, when it was moved, seconded and carried, that the Grand Master appoint a Committee to collect facts regarding Odd Fellowship in British Columbia, and report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Committee appointed:

A. PHILLIPS,
J. WEILER,
C. GOWEN,

J. SEHL,
C. HAYWARD,
JOSHUA DAVIES,

W. J. ARMSTRONG.

Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, presented the following:

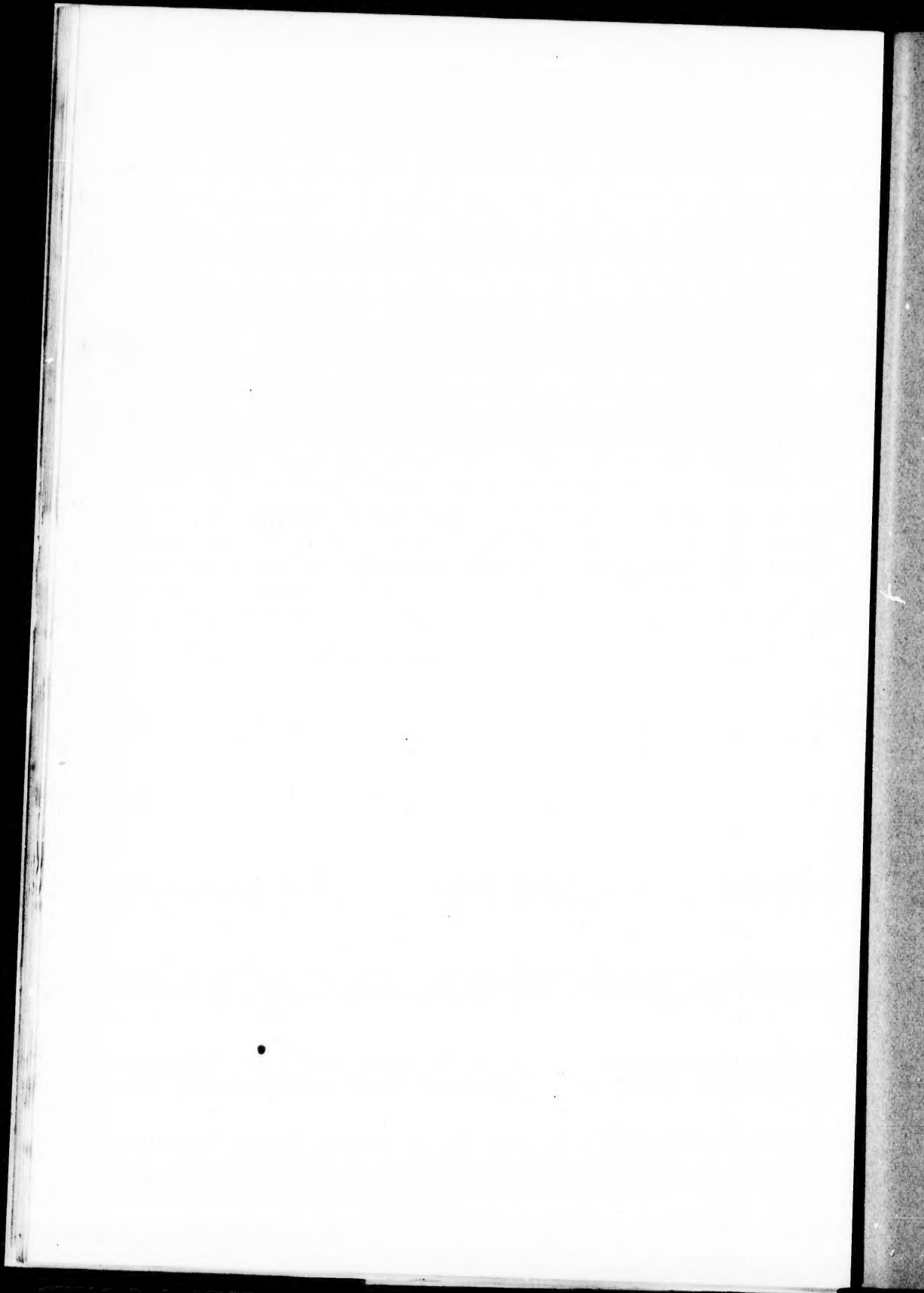
RESOLVED, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and Columbia Lodge, No. 2, for the use of their Hall and Regalia during the present Session.

On being put to the vote, was carried unanimously.

On motion the G. L. then adjourned until the first Monday in February, 1875.

JAMES D. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.





ADDRESS OF THE OFFICERS
OF THE
R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

J. S. DRUMMOND,	M. W. GRAND MASTER	Victoria.
H. V. EDMONDS,	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,	New Westminster.
J. WEILER,	R. W. GRAND WARDEN	Victoria.
J. D. ROBINSON,	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY	do.
E. B. MARVIN,	R. W. GRAND TREASURER	do.
C. GOWEN,	W. GRAND MARSHALL	do.
J. YORK,	W. GRAND GUARDIAN	do.
C. HAYWARD,	W. GRAND CONDUCTOR	do.
J. H. MELDRAM,	W. GRAND HERALD	do.

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